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SUBJ: ALLON ON GENEVA CONFERENCE

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1. AT APRIL 7 MEETING WITH CODEL IPU, FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON PROVIDED MOST AUTHORITATIVE GOI STATEMENT WHICH WE HAVE HEARD AS TO HOW ISRAELIS VIEW ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

2. ALLON SAID THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE, AFTER RECONVENING BRIEFLY IN PLENUM, SHOULD ORGANIZE ITSELF INTO NUMBER OF JOINT COMMITTEES TO DEAL SEPARATELY WITH VARIOUS ISSUES INVOLVED IN ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. THUS, COMMITTEES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI, SYRIAN-ISRAELI AND JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN ISSUES. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE DRAWN FROM POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES ATTENDING CONFERENCE. THERE COULD ALSO BE SOME MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES, BUT COMMITTEES WOULD FUNCTION PRIMARILY ON POLITICAL RATHER THAN MILITARY

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BASIS.

3. ALLON ALSO SAID THAT HE OPPOSED EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO ANY ADDITIONAL STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S PROPOSAL TO INVITE BRITAIN, FRANCE, INDIA AND OTHER STATES WOULD TURN CONFERENCE INTO A "GENERAL ASSEMBLY". THIS WOULD CONDEMN THE CONFERENCE TO A FORUM FOR ESTABLISHING RHETORICAL POSITIONS, BUT WOULD PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF ARRIVING AT SOLUTIONS TO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. HE ALSO REPEATED ISRAELI OPPOSITION TO PLO ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE.

4. ALLON STATED FORCEFULLY THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND THAT ISRAEL HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM MEETING WITH ARAB STATES THERE. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO NEGOTIATIONS. EGYPT AND OTHER STATES SHOULD COME TO GENEVA AND PUT FORWARD THEIR CONDITIONS FOR REACHING PEACE WITH ISRAEL. REPLYING TO SADAT'S STATEMENT THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE MUST AWAIT NEXT GENERATION, ALLON TOLD CODEL THAT IT WAS RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS GENERATION TO MAKE THE TRANSITION TO PEACE.

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